Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 9 with the following paragraph:

Turning next to Figure 7, there is provided an alternate embodiment 200 of a cervical facet inferior implant in conjunction with a trans-lateral mass screw. In another exemplary embodiment, the inferior implant 204 is configured to interact with or attach to a trans-lateral mass fixation mechanism 202. As shown, the trans-lateral mass fixation mechanism 202 is a screw, but may be any like fixation mechanism. For example, the inferior implant 204 may include a threaded hole 212 either extending from or bored into the fixation surface 210 of the inferior implant 204. The manner in which the inferior implant 204 and the trans-lateral mass fixation mechanism 202 interact may vary with different anatomies. For example, it may be preferable to offset the trans-lateral mass screw 202 from the inferior implant 204 such that when the trans-lateral mass screw 202 and inferior implant 204 interact, the trans-lateral mass screw 202 is not perpendicular to the inferior implant 204. The trans-lateral mass screw 202 may range from about 0 degrees offset from perpendicular to about 60 degrees offset from perpendicular.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 3 with the following paragraph:

To facilitate placement of the trans-lateral mass screw 106, an aiming device such as the device illustrated in Figure 11 may be used. The aiming device 1100 can be used to position a drill for creating a trans-lateral mass hole for the trans-lateral mass screw 202. A drill can then be used to create the hole, which may have a diameter of about 2 mm, depending on the diameter of the trans-lateral mass screw 202. Once the hole is drilled, the trans-lateral mass screw 202 can be introduced into the hole and then used to secure the inferior implant 104 to the inferior articular facet 32.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 22 with the following paragraph:

Turning now to Figure 10, a single handed rasp is illustrated. The rasp 1000 includes a handle 1002 and a shaft 1004 connecting the handle 1002 to the working end of the rasp 1000. Attached to the shaft ~~804~~ 1004 at the working end of the rasp 1000 is a head 1006. The head 1006 has at least one cutting surface 1008. In one exemplary embodiment, the cutting surface 1008 is configured to cut when the cutting surface 1008 is moved in a first direction (*e.g.* when the rasp is moved from the anterior to the posterior direction of the facet joint) but not when the cutting surface 1008 is moved in a direction opposite to the first direction (*e.g.* when the rasp is moved from the posterior to the anterior direction of the facet joint).

Please replace the abstract with the following paragraph:

~~The present invention relates to~~A prostheses and method for treating spinal pathologies~~,~~ and, more specifically, ~~to a system and method~~ for treating articulating surfaces of cervical vertebrae facet joints. The system includes a superior implant that is configured for placement on a superior articulating facet surface and an inferior implant that is configured for placement on an inferior articulating facet surface. ~~In addition, described is a method for providing articulating surfaces for cervical vertebrae facet joint articular facets.~~ The method includes creating a space between a superior and an inferior articular facet, such as by using a rasp, and fixing superior and inferior implants to the superior and inferior articular facets.